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THE MYSTERY OF A NEW YORK HOUSE.

IS CRAWFORD THE THIEF?

Probable Solution of the Mysteri-
ous \$41,000 Bank Robbery.

The ex-American Exchange Messen-
ger Arrested in Honduras.

After a long and exciting chase by Pink-
erton detectives, Edward Sturgis Crawford
has at last been arrested at Santa Barbara,
in Spanish Honduras, on the charge of
stealing the package of \$41,000 in green-
backs which was lost on May 4, 1888, while
in transit from the American Exchange
Bank in this city to the United States Treas-
ury at Washington.

Dispatches from Santa Barbara state that
Crawford has confessed his guilt, and has
made a statement in which he implicates
others in the crime.

At the time of the robbery Crawford was
a messenger in the employ of the American
Exchange Bank. He and another messen-
ger named Earl were entrusted with the
package of bank notes, which was to be
delivered to the Adams Express Company. It
was sealed in the usual way by the bank
officials, and was apparently delivered
safely to the express company.

When it reached Washington, however, it
was found that a bogus package, outwardly
similar in every respect to the original one,
had been substituted for that containing the
money.

All efforts to discover the thief were un-
availing, the bank maintaining that the
messengers were honest, and that the thief
could not be laid at its doors. After in-
spector Byrnes had given up the case, the
Pinkerton Agency took hold of it at the re-
quest of the express company.

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SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.
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Garrison's Schoolma'am Eloped
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Papa Post, the Inventor, Swore a
Little, but Is Reconciled.

The pretty little Summer town of Gar-
rison's has opened the season early with a
delightful little romance, in which a lovely
schoolma'am and a manly mate, a young
steamer Peekskill, playing between
Peekskill and New York, figure as prin-
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Miss Susie Post has eloped with John
Bross, and the couple have come to this
delightful little romance, in which a lovely
schoolma'am and a manly mate, a young
steamer Peekskill, playing between
Peekskill and New York, figure as prin-
cipals.

Miss Post is a tall and stately beauty,
a brunette. She is the elder and lovelier of
four charming daughters of the inventor of
the American cap-sport and bucket which is
almost indispensable at this season of the
year among the sugar-boilers of Vermont
and New Hampshire.

The old gentleman has made a little for-
tune out of his invention.

A Vermont, whom an EVENING WORLD
reporter chanced to meet, says that the
Post family formerly lived in Burlington, Vt.,
under the shadow of the monument to Ethan
Allen, who professedly demanded the sur-
render of the British to the Green Moun-
tain Boys in 1776.

The four Post University students at Bur-
lington, though all of the brunettes were
popular, and removed to Garrison's a few
years ago.

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WAS THE MURDER PLANNED?

"Dutch Fritz's" Fatal Blow Said
to Have Been Instigated by Another.

Abernethy, the Victim, Had a Quar-
rel with Fritz's Friend.

A big, brawny boatman, with a massive
head set on a heavy neck, was arranged
this morning before Justice McMahon in the
Tomb's Police Court. He was Fritz Cinnam-
on, alias "Dutch Fritz," and was charged
with the murder of William Abernethy,
another boatman, whom he killed on the
ground on South street yesterday with one
blow of his big fist, causing a fracture of
the skull from which the injured man died
in Chambers street Hospital about two
hours later.

The accused man covered at the bar, never
lifting his large brown eyes to look his ac-
cusers in the face. He perspired freely,
and when his case was disposed of he lifted his
hands for the "barrellets" as though he was
familiar with their use.

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SICKLE'S CRY UNNEEDED.

Mr. Clark Will Report Against
Police Aid to the Sheriff.

Another Deputy Secured by the
Doughty Sheriff To-Day.

It appears probable to-day that Sheriff
Sickle's cry of "Help" Police will re-
ceive no favorable response from the source
solicited.

With an inefficient force of deputies re-
ceiving inadequate compensation for the
service of judicial processes, the Sheriff hit
upon the novel expedient of calling to his
aid the uniformed police force of the city
and made application to the Police Commis-
sioners for a detail of five men to help him.

His application, which was referred to the
Commissioners, was met with a refusal to
make such a detail, with the probable re-
sult of making a detail of five men to help him.

The reason for his refusal is said to be no
special provision of the law allowing the de-
tail of the police for such a purpose.

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if there happen to be any—accrue to the in-
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MURDERER SMILER CAUGHT.

Revolver in Hand He Was Enter-
ing His Second Wife's House.

He Had Two Wives Besides the One
He Killed.

Harris A. Smiler, better known as Harry
Smiler, who murdered his wife, or one of
his wives, at 284 Seventh avenue last night,
was arrested shortly after 1 o'clock this
morning by Captain Grant and his officers
just in time to prevent another murder.

He was waiting at the house of another of
his wives—at present he is known to have
had three, and all the returns may not be in
yet—violently drunk, and with the pistol
that had taken one wife recharged and ready
for more bloody work.

To-morrow Smiler will be thirty-two years
old. From appearances he is a born tough,
low-spirited, sullen and with the hang-dog
look of a beaten cur.

Three years ago he was a soldier in the
Salvation Army, stationed in the Thirtieth
street barracks, and since he stepped out of
the ranks he has worked in the mailing de-
partments of several newspapers.

June 14 he married the Widow Magpie
Grant, who he had known two years.

They were married in a Mission on Thir-
tieth street by the Rev. Dr. Binnet. Forth-
with he began to maltreat the woman, who
was not his wife, for he had then already
married two other women and in their turn
deserted them.

Smiler's latest wife lived at 11 Prince
street, and within three months he was
locked up twice in the Mulberry street police
station on the charge of beating her.

Once, not three weeks ago, he beat her
black and blue in the public street, and was
again arrested and sent to jail.

When Smiler broke out he used to seek
shelter with a friend, the Widow Wilson,
who lives on the top floor of 284 Seventh
avenue.

Twelve night she came there for the
first time, and there the murderer found her
last night. He raped her on the floor, and
then he shot her in the chest with a
revolver.

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to let him go, but she refused. He then
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EMMA CRUTER'S BRAVE DEED.

Rescued Her Helpless Grand-
mother from the Flames.

Exciting Fire in a Jersey City Home
This Morning.

The family of Mrs. Annie Cruter, of 11
Brinkerhoff street, Jersey City Heights, had
a narrow escape from death by fire this
morning. Mrs. John Henry, of 212 One
Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, this
city, was visiting at the house and occupied
an upper room.

Shortly after 1 o'clock Mrs. Henry was
awakened by a stifling smoke in her room,
and instantly divining that the house was
on fire jumped from her bed and hurriedly
aroused the inmates.

She succeeded in awakening Mrs. Cruter,
her son, daughter Emma, Mrs. Susan
Wright, of Stamford Conn., another visitor,
and two servant girls. All made their escape,
but there was no time for them to save any-
thing except a few articles of wearing ap-
parel.

Emma Cruter's first thought was of her
aged and helpless grandmother, Mrs. Mary
Farnore, an invalid lady, eighty-six years
old, who occupied a front room on the
second floor. At the risk of her own life
she ran through the burning hall and cor-
ridor, carrying her grandmother in her arms,
and placed her in a room on the first floor.

The firemen extinguished the flames after
some \$1,000 damage had been done. Mrs.
Cruter lost \$300 in money and two gold
chains. Mrs. Farnore, Mrs. Henry and
Mrs. Wright lost their gold watches
and the latter all her clothing.

Emma Cruter, who is a school teacher, and
two pocket-books, one containing \$100 and the
other \$20, were afterward found by the
police.

NOW THE POLICE CATCH IT.

The Fassett Committee Asked to
Investigate Serious Charges.

When Mr. Fassett's Senate Investigating
Committee completes its mammoth exami-
nation of affairs in the Sheriff's office, which
it will resume to-morrow, it will in all prob-
ability turn its attention to the Police De-
partment.

George K. Lloyd, James P. Archibald and
Henry Ehrlich, a committee from the Central
Labor Union's Building Trades Section,
will to-morrow call upon Mr. Fassett's
committee, and request that the big in-
vestigation be extended to include the Police
Department.

The committee will also present the in-
vestigation of the Police Department, which
alleges that the Police Department is a
nuisance and a disgrace to the city.

The force, as a body, is characterized as
"dishonest, brutal, even criminal." It is
charged with having reduced the art of
police work to a science, and with the in-
terference of certain classes of the com-
munity, candidates, established a
system of espionage over respectable
citizens, and no other purpose than to
persecute them should they offend the
powers that be.

The present further charges that men
pay a large loan for positions on the